

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 123
By Huskey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Megan Ivory Rule, Seymour High School student, on receiving the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association East Tennessee Class AA A. F. Bridges Award of Excellence.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is very proud of our students who work hard, achieve academic success, serve as excellent role models and make positive contributions to their schools and communities; and

WHEREAS, each year the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association, after careful consideration, specially recognizes a very select group of nine high schools, and names them as recipients of the prestigious A. F. Bridges Award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bridges was the TSSAA's first executive secretary and a person of high ethical principles who displayed firmness and fairness, as he played a key role in the establishment of the TSSAA; and

WHEREAS, as an important part of the TSSAA's "Just Do What's Right" program, these awards recognize the school's overall effort to encourage the positive ideals of sportsmanship, citizenship, ethics and integrity; and

WHEREAS, the 1995-1996 honorees appropriately included East Tennessee Class AA representative Seymour High School, which chose senior Megan Ivory Rule as their outstanding female student athlete who exemplifies these high standards; and

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WHEREAS, Megan's academic excellence has been recognized by her ranking in the top 10 percent of her class, being listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, as a member of the Beta Club for four years and by being voted "Best All-Around"; and

WHEREAS, Megan has played on the varsity girls' basketball team for four years and is the team captain. As a freshman she was the Most Valuable Player of the softball team and earned the title of captain as a sophomore; Megan also received the Coaches Award as a junior; and

WHEREAS, she has evinced her strong faith as an active member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and served admirably as the FCA recruiter; and

WHEREAS, Megan has generously contributed her time and expertise as a secretary of the Teen Board, *Keyette* photographer and member of the Annual Staff; and

WHEREAS, she also attended the Drug-Free leadership seminar as a sophomore and the Governor's Conference for a Drug-Free Tennessee as a freshman and sophomore; and

WHEREAS, Megan Ivory Rule's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we congratulate and commend Megan Ivory Rule and wish her well in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.